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ECTORS' MEETING, COPENHAGEN, JUNE 6-7, 1978: CSCE

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1. DANISH MFA PRESIDENCY CHIEF, JORGEN BOJER, SAID THAT NONE
OF THE NINE NOW APPEAR TO WANT TO TAKE ANY OF THE "TOUGHER"
MEASURES AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUS-
SED AT THEIR INFORMAL MEETING MAY 20 IN REACTION TO THE
TRIALS AND SENTENCING OF DISSIDENTS (REF B). THE FEELING
AMONG POLITICAL DIRECTORS WAS THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE
ON THE PART OF THE NINE TO STOP IMPLEMENTING CLAUSES SET
OUT IN THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. ANY REACTION MUST BE FIRMLY
GROUNDED ON THE FINAL ACT ITSELF. BOJER RECALLED THAT THE
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DECLARATION BY THE NINE ON THESE TRIALS CONFINED ITSELF TO
THE PARAMETERS OF HELSINKI. (REF C).

2. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE ASSUMED THAT THE CSCE PROCESS
WOULD CONTINUE, AND IN THAT CONTEXT, ENDORSED THE PREPARA-
TIONS FOR THE JUNE 20 SCIENTIFIC FORUM MEETING IN BONN.

3. POLITICAL DIRECTORS ALSO ENDORSED CONTINUING STUDIES GOING ON IN THE NINE'S CSCE AND EASTERN EUROPEAN WORKING GROUPS OF POLITICAL FACTORS INFLUENCING THE BELGRADE MEETING; POLITICAL DYNAMICS THAT ARE LIKELY TO AFFECT THE CSCE PROCESS BETWEEN THE BELGRADE AND MADRID MEETINGS; AND THE DIFFERING CONCEPTS OF DETENTE HELD BY THE EAST AND WEST.

4. BOJER COMMENTED THAT THE NINE BELIEVE THAT "SOMEWHERE IN MID-BELGRADE", THE SOVIETS DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD NOT GET THEIR WAY THERE AND THAT THEY WOULD CONSEQUENTLY NOT REPEAT THE "MISTAKES" OF HELSINKI. BOJER ADDED THAT THE DANES WANT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EC'S EASTERN EUROPEAN WORKING GROUP TO BECOME MORE IMPORTANT AND SUBSTANTIVE BUT THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT IS OPPOSED BY THE FRENCH.

5. POLITICAL DIRECTORS ALSO DISCUSSED THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS IN ADVANCE OF MADRID AND THE CSCE WORKING GROUP WILL STUDY THIS QUESTION FURTHER. BOJER OBSERVED THAT THE SOVIET PERSECUTION OF DISSIDENTS WOULD PROBABLY LESSEN OR DELAY THE CHANCES OF SUCH AN EXCHANGE.

6. FINALLY, BOJER NOTED THAT WHILE TRANSITTING COPENHAGEN JUNE 6 MRS. SHARANSKY APPEALED TO DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN TO TAKE UP HER HUSBAND'S CASE DURING HIS JUNE 14-18 VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. BOJER DOUBTED THAT ANDERSEN

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WOULD CONSENT TO INTERVENE WITH THE SOVIETS IN AN INDIVIDUAL CASE BUT HE WILL PROBABLY REFER DURING HIS VISIT TO THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE NINE AFTER THE MAY 20 MEETING. BOJER REMARKED THAT THE TIMING OF THE ANDERSEN VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IS "UNHAPPY" BECAUSE OF THE TRIALS OF THE DISSIDENTS BUT THAT THE NINE AND THE DANES BELIEVE IT SHOULD PROCEED AS SCHEDULED, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN SO DIFFICULT TO GET AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS ON DATES.
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